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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 3-15 and 93-108 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements and for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. In addition, claims 106 and 108 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement and enablement directed to certain therapies. The Examiner also rejected claims 5-15 and 105 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Chawan (U.S. PGPub.: 2004/0038909).

By this paper, claims 103, 107 and 108 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the novel subject matter of the present invention. In addition, claims 1-92 have been canceled, without prejudice. Thus, following amendment by this paper, claims 93-103, 107 and 108 are presented for examination. For the reasons set forth below, claims 93-103, 107 and 108 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, in view of the newly amended claims and the following remarks, is therefore respectfully requested.

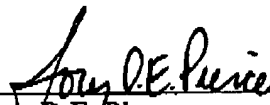
As an initial matter, Applicants have submitted herewith a newly executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition which identifies the application number and filing date of the above-referenced patent application, in addition to including the citizenship of each of the inventors. Moreover, the claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. It is submitted, therefore, that the objection to the oath or declaration and the rejection to specific claims have been overcome.

Although Applicants vehemently disagree with the basis of the Examiner's rejection of claims 5-15 and 105 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Chawan (US PGPub.: 2004/0038909), Applicants have canceled claims 5-15 and 105, without prejudice, in an effort to expedite the issuance of a patent directed to independent claim 107 (and, subsequently, dependent claims 93-103 and 108). Applicants, accordingly, intend to file a subsequent divisional application directed to the claims canceled by this Amendment to pursue the novel and nonobvious scope of those cancelled claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 93-103, 107 and 108 are in condition for immediate allowance. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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